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SUBJECT: COMMENTS TO PRESS

1. FEB 12 ISSUE OF THE WASHINGTON POST CARRIES A BANGKOK
DATELINED FRONT PAGE STORY BYLINED BRUCE PALLING UNDER
HEADLINE "PENTAGON TO DOUBLE SIZE OF AIRLIFT INTO CAMBODIA."
STORY CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:

2. "THE FIRST REPORTS OF THE STEPPED UP ACTIVITY CAME FROM
AVIATION SOURCES HERE. EARLIER TODAY, THE U.S. EMBASSY
SPOKESMAN IN BANGKOK, GARY MORELEY, WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE
PENTAGON HAD PLANS TO INCREASE THE FLIGHTS TO CAMBODIA,
SAID HE DID NOT KNOW. HE ADDED, "WE HAVE CONTINGENCY PLANS
TO NUKE MOSCOW, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE ARE GOING TO DO
IT."

3. WE WOULD HOPE THAT NO ONE CHARGED WITH THE EMBASSY'S
OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH THE PRESS WOULD MAKE SUCH AN UNFOR-
TUNATE STATEMENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. INGERSOLL

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